

## **Probation Oversight Commission Report Back on the Investigation into the Gun Auction**

On January 24, 2023 the Los Angeles Times published an [article](#) about the Probation Department's intent to sell guns via auction on the website "GovDeals.com." That same day at the Board of Supervisors' meeting, Supervisor Solis made a [motion](#), coauthored by Supervisor Hahn, that directs the Probation Oversight Committee (POC), in collaboration with County Counsel and the Probation Department, to "investigate the auction of the Probation Department's firearms and ammunition." The Board sought to stop the auction, investigate how it happened, and ensure it did not reoccur.

That investigation began immediately and has proceeded as follows:

- Chief of Probation Adolfo Gonzales presented a detailed [report](#) to the POC at the regular meeting of the POC on January 26, 2023, as part of his presentation on his 2023 goals and priorities. A transcript of those remarks is attached as Appendix A. They include a preliminary timeline of events and assurance that the weapons had been pulled from the website and that no ammunition had been listed for sale.
- POC Executive Director Wendelyn Julien met with Probation Deputy Chief Karen Fletcher on February 1, 2023, to discuss the investigation. During that meeting, Deputy Chief Fletcher advised about the progress on conversations with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) for support in destroying the weapons. Deputy Chief Fletcher indicated that the Probation Department had been in contact with LASD Undersheriff April Tardy about this process.
- POC Executive Director reached out to Undersheriff Tardy via email on February 1, 2023, to verify the information shared by Probation. Undersheriff Tardy responded the same day, confirming that she had spoken with Deputy Chief Fletcher and connected Probation with LASD Central Property and Evidence to accomplish this task. She offered to provide an update on the progress at the end of February.
- Chief Gonzales again appeared at the POC's February 9, 2023, regular meeting to provide an [update](#) on the internal investigation into the gun auction and to allow commissioners to ask questions about the investigation. A transcript is attached as Appendix B. During the meeting, he explained that the process is underway to destroy the 334 guns and Probation staff is cataloging the weapons by serial number and working with the Internal Services Department (ISD) to contract with the agency that LASD uses to destroy weapons. He reported that Probation intends to complete the data collection within one to two weeks and that the process to destroy the weapons could take two to three weeks after that. He hopes to return to the POC in March to report that the process is complete.
- On February 9, 2023, POC Executive Director emailed Probation with a detailed list of questions to provide further insight into the investigation.
- The first question asked for a detailed timeline of the actions that lead to the auction of the weapons. Highlights of the timeline include:
  - The sale of the surplus weapons began in 2020 under the leadership of former Chief Ray Leyva. The original intent appears to have been to allow

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armed Probation staff to purchase or “buy back” their county-owned weapons, in part to offset the cost of the Probation Department’s purchase and deployment of new weapons. After discussions with LASD and other law enforcement agencies as well as a review of the legal restrictions on selling or transferring weapons, the Probation Department determined that it could not sell or transfer the weapons directly to staff and needed to work with ISD to sell the guns through a third-party vendor that is a licensed firearms dealer.

- In February of 2021, “SEO Admin” (SEO stands for Special Enforcement Operations) met with the new Chief of Probation, Adolfo Gonzales, to review a list of 17 projects including the transition to the new weapons and the buyback of the surplus weapons.
- No other action is reported to have occurred on the issue of the disposal of the surplus weapons until October 2022 when the Probation Department completed the transition to new weapons and again met with ISD to discuss the next steps to dispose of surplus weapons. Thereafter, the process moved quickly, with meetings and conversations between ISD and GovDeals.com occurring during December 1, 2022 and January 15, 2023 and the auction going live on January 19 and 20, 2023.
- On January 23, 2023, Chief Gonzales heard from Supervisor Solis’ office about their concerns about the gun auction at which time the Chief ordered all weapons to be removed from the auction. This was done immediately, and no weapons were sold.
- The second question requested information about how many surplus weapons the Department has that need to be disposed of and where and how they are stored.
  - The Probation Department responded that there are a total of 334 guns, including:
    - 60 Beretta 92FS
    - 140 Smith and Wesson M&P 1.0 Full-Size
    - 134 Smith and Wesson M&P 1.0 Compacts
- The third question asked for an update on the status of the MOU with LASD.
  - Probation responded that they are working directly with ISD through the vendor that LASD uses to dispose of their surplus weapons so there will not be an MOU with LASD at this time. The vendor under consideration is SA Recycling in Anaheim, California, although Probation noted that they are awaiting finalized information from ISD about the contract and the process.
  - Probation explained that they will continue to need to the assistance of LASD to update the firearm database once the weapons are destroyed.
- The fourth question asked if any internal affairs investigations have been initiated as a result of this issue.
  - Probation responded that Internal Affairs reviewed the process and found that staff had followed county protocol and coordinated with ISD through the process.

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- The final question asked for a copy of the Probation Department's response to the departmental survey sent out by the Chief Executive Office.
  - The Probation Department's response of February 9, 2023, is attached as Appendix C.
- At follow up meetings between the Executive Director of the POC and Probation Deputy Director Howard Wong on February 14, 2023, and March 1, 2023, clarification of important issues occurred, and Probation provided an update on the status of the destruction of the weapons.
  - Explanation of "off-roster" status of weapons
    - The weapons that Probation was intending to sell through a third-party vendor (the auction site "GovDeals.com") are "off-roster" weapons which means that the exact make, model and configuration of the firearms make it impermissible, according to California Penal Code Section 32000, to sell the weapons to anyone but active law enforcement. Even though the public can access GovDeals.com, in order to purchase the weapons from the site, the buyer will need to possess a verified Federal Firearms License (FFL) and can only resell to individuals with active law enforcement status in California.
    - The Probation Department learned through this process that they cannot sell or transfer weapons directly to employees (which was the intent of the sale), but they had to use a third-party vendor contracted through ISD.
  - Explanation of Master Agreement process between ISD and SA Recycling
    - According to Probation, ISD is actively working to get SA recycling on a Master Agreement that will allow Probation to dispose of the weapons through the contractor. Probation expects an update on that progress within the next few weeks. Once the Master Agreement is in place, the disposal of the weapons can occur.
  - Explanation of LASD support with tracking serial numbers
    - Probation reported having learned from LASD that Probation could access the on-line system to check the serial numbers on all 334 guns to facilitate the process of disposal. After the disposal, the Probation Department will coordinate with LASD to change the status of all of the weapons to note their destruction.

The Probation Oversight Commission will continue to follow up on this investigation until confirmation of the destruction of all the surplus weapons is received. This will include following up with the Probation Department for updates directly to the Probation Oversight Commission Executive Director and to the POC in public meetings. In addition, the Executive Director will report back on the progress of the destruction of the weapons from LASD and the vendor completing the destruction of the weapons.

**REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023  
12:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

*Remarks on Gun Auctions from Chief Probation Officer Adolfo Gonzales  
Extracted directly from WebEx's Transcript*

427 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:49:09.120 --> 00:49:12.900

It was there, let me transition out to the weapon. Um.

428 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:49:12.900 --> 00:49:17.790

Surplus is also what else? What do you call it?

429 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:49:17.790 --> 00:49:21.990

Sell guns, let me just be clear.

430 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:49:21.990 --> 00:49:36.810

I do not approve is not a priority of mine or us to sell any kind of guns. The guns that we're talking about, uh, from 2020 were county purchase weapons that were used by the employees, or whatever reason since 998.

431 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:49:36.810 --> 00:49:40.830

They had not been disposal so you have basically.

432 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:49:40.830 --> 00:49:44.460

2 or 3 storages or closet, or whatever you want to call them.

433 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:49:44.460 --> 00:49:57.480

We have all these weapons, just sitting there so cheap labor back in 2020 as, you know, he worked for the sheriff's department so the shares they used to sell and gals returning guns. How would they manage a good program? Why did you do the same thing here?

434 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:49:57.480 --> 00:50:00.810

But he said she was unable to do that. Um.

435 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:00.810 --> 00:50:04.590

He was put in contact with our internal service bureau.

436 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:04.590 --> 00:50:16.350

To see about what we can do to this post up somewhere between 30,250 back in 2020, um, that would consider surplus because they had they were no longer.

437 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:16.350 --> 00:50:23.130

Replaceable guns for the new model that were brought in this hangers were purchased directly from the manufacturer for use.

438 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:23.130 --> 00:50:28.740

For 130 officers that were important special enforcement operation or high risk field assignments.

439 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:28.740 --> 00:50:40.530

These were not what I call confiscated guns whenever we're working in the field with law enforcement, and it gets confiscated that particular agency law enforcement agency would take the position of the gun.

440 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:40.530 --> 00:50:47.190

We did not do that and this was the 1st time the probation was attempted to liquidate surplus weapons.

441 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:47.190 --> 00:50:50.250

The operations then begin to research by contacting.

442 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:50.250 --> 00:50:56.040

The California permanent justice as well as the central county sheriff's to see how they did this. How can you get rid of those guns?

443 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:50:56.040 --> 00:51:01.650

But, you know, the guns that are the county has to be reported to the Department of justice in California.

444 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:03.090 --> 00:51:06.240

The department at that time 2020 referred.

445 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:06.240 --> 00:51:09.960

Our department to the county's procurement department.

446 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:09.960 --> 00:51:13.950

The internal services division to figure out how we can manage.

447 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:13.950 --> 00:51:19.200

And how can we best expose those weapons at that point? They were referred to what they call.

448 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:19.200 --> 00:51:30.780

God deals dot com dot com is a nationwide liquidation clearing house that options surplus equipment from across governmental and related entities.

449 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:30.780 --> 00:51:36.450

Irregularly handles auctions of surplus firearms from police agencies around the country.

450 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:36.450 --> 00:51:40.200

This options are regulated and restrict the.

451 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:40.200 --> 00:51:44.910

Surplus buyers can only be sold to dealers only what they call.

452 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:44.910 --> 00:51:49.380

Federal fire license f. L. not to the general public.

453 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:49.380 --> 00:51:52.740

The California pinnacle section 32.

454 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:52.740 --> 00:51:57.900

1000 further restricts the sale over the court non roster guns.

455 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:51:57.900 --> 00:52:01.770

To only active swarm personnel, not civilians.

456 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:01.770 --> 00:52:06.810

Operations staff arranged you have these items listed for auction on January 19.

457 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:07.860 --> 00:52:15.600

2 days before the monitoring part shooting on Monday when escalate and that's how I learned about this on Monday. Um.

458 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:15.600 --> 00:52:18.900

From supervisors, police office contacted me.

459 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:18.900 --> 00:52:23.940

Say, are you guys selling weapons and I told her? No, no, no, no, no. Let me research it. And I did.

460 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:23.940 --> 00:52:27.240

And that's what I found out, she sent me the link to the, um.

461 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:27.240 --> 00:52:32.610

To the Gulf deals dot com and that's where it was listed as you'd have probation.

462 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:32.610 --> 00:52:37.740

There so they're not so I got a hold up chief fledged here. We've got a hold of county council. I say I want to stop this.

463 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:37.740 --> 00:52:43.980

So, they immediately pull that off because we don't agree with selling weapons back in the street.

464 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:43.980 --> 00:52:47.190

And you took that off of the off the list.

465 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:47.190 --> 00:52:51.480

Immediately and and.

466 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:51.480 --> 00:52:59.610

You want to get a report from the next meeting regarding the, uh, I believe the monitoring part shooting and you'll, you'll learn that the weapons that was used was not.

467 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:52:59.610 --> 00:53:03.360

The, the, the, the pieces that we're talking about today.

468 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:03.360 --> 00:53:07.770

They know what you had a different type of weapon.

469 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:07.770 --> 00:53:11.340

So, for from us, from my perspective is that we're not.

470 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:11.340 --> 00:53:15.450

In the business of putting them back in the street, we're not going to be selling guns.

471 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:15.450 --> 00:53:22.080

For any kind of monetary gain, whether it goes back to the general fund, or goes back to provision fund, that's not acceptable.

472 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:22.080 --> 00:53:30.270

And I'm glad the supervisors to leave with the motion, and also instructed the ceo's office to work with other county departments to prevent this in the future.

473 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:30.270 --> 00:53:35.460

Because had and I promise to my attention knows what would have happened right?

474 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:35.460 --> 00:53:40.890

And I'm also glad that part of the motion is going to direct you the.

475 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:41.940 --> 00:53:45.900

Along with county council, in collaboration with probation department.

476 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)



00:53:45.900 --> 00:53:49.680

To investigate the auction of the firearms and ammunition.

477 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:49.680 --> 00:53:53.580

Yes, so there there was no ammunition being sold only firearms.

478 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:53.580 --> 00:53:59.760

So, I welcome the investigation because I want to make sure that we get to the bottom of it. But most importantly that doesn't happen again.

479 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:53:59.760 --> 00:54:08.310

Because Sheila was here had 1 mine, and then somebody else would come in and come up with something. And some other idea, it should be something that is the philosophy of the county.

480 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:54:08.310 --> 00:54:12.450

That other department, whether you sell the guns, sell it again.

481 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:54:12.450 --> 00:54:18.480

I see the gun sales much different than any kind of vehicle resale. Like, you wanna establish a car and you want.

482 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:54:18.480 --> 00:54:21.630

Send a car back in for a trading and what have you that's different.

483 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:54:21.630 --> 00:54:24.840

Firearms, it's another.

484 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:54:24.840 --> 00:54:28.440

Have you been a victim of a drive by shooting and I can tell you, I don't like guns on the street.

485 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:54:28.440 --> 00:54:32.040

Um, so, is that that completes my report to my career.

493 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:55:17.730 --> 00:55:23.400

Please start reading your hands and what you're thinking about formatting the question. I'll, I'll jump in.

494 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:55:23.400 --> 00:55:27.240

Um, I guess September with the gun issue, chief.

495 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:55:27.240 --> 00:55:31.830

You know, you mentioned that these are not the guns collected through probation.

496 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:55:31.830 --> 00:55:34.980

But what happens to the guns that are.

497 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:55:34.980 --> 00:55:38.970

Collected during searches from the.

498 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:55:40.800 --> 00:55:46.710

Those weapons that are collected, or confiscated in the field number to go to the law enforcement agency, uh, that area of the jurisdiction.

499 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:55:46.710 --> 00:55:50.790

So, they can process them. Okay.

500 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:55:50.790 --> 00:55:55.020

Also, so now that you're aware of the gun cells.

501 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:55:55.020 --> 00:55:59.790

What are we, what are what are you doing about pulling them off?

502 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:55:59.790 --> 00:56:04.050

That web site, and is there plans on how to dispose them?

503 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:56:05.485 --> 00:56:13.465

Yes, what we did is, um, I think I like codes from, um, the board office has reached out to me because the problem was, when we tried to get the chairs to do it last last 2020, it didn't work.

504 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:56:13.465 --> 00:56:25.735

I think we have a new sheriff now that would be more open to assisting us so she's going to be working with us and the sheriff's department to dispose of those, those weapons. I'd rather see them. Get destroyed what I've seen in the past and others other states. others other states

505 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:56:26.010 --> 00:56:30.750

I've seen him with a melt on the guns and make a manhole cover list.

506 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:56:30.750 --> 00:56:36.360

To talk about reducing violence in the community, uh, those normally, it doesn't get confiscated.

507 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:56:36.360 --> 00:56:39.420

I, I wasn't seeing the guns been melted.

508 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:56:39.420 --> 00:56:42.600

They just take them out to a place with an orange.

509 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:56:42.600 --> 00:56:52.200

Somebody you can, or you can kind of 1 of the county. We actually have a place where actually melt the fires and some department police department to dump the guns into the ocean.

510 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:56:52.200 --> 00:57:01.440

That's not environment to reach out either, so that's not an option. So I'm hoping that with our our partners now at the shared department, they'll be able to help us to destroy those weapons.

511 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:57:01.440 --> 00:57:05.520

I don't feel comfortable, storing them any weapons in any facility.

512 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:57:05.520 --> 00:57:11.370

Because who knows what could happen right earthquake something damage or what have you.

513 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:57:11.370 --> 00:57:23.310

So, no, the sooner we can get rid of them the better and the chief, I just actually received an update that might be helpful. The sheriff's office has already reached out.

514 "Karen Fletcher" (2223537664)

00:57:23.310 --> 00:57:29.640

And we have a tentative meeting for this afternoon to talk about next steps and how they can help us as the chief just described.

515 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

00:57:29.640 --> 00:57:33.120

Oh, terrific, thank you. Wonderful.

516 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:57:33.120 --> 00:57:37.560

No, this is I'm grateful that that, uh, chief, uh, that.

517 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:57:38.275 --> 00:57:51.175

Reached out to you, chief, and maybe aware of what's going on, you know, it's so interesting with all these mass shootings and it seems to be like the 1st question is where did they find? Where where do they get the gun who owns the gun? Was it a ghost gone?

518 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:57:51.175 --> 00:58:01.375

Was it was it purchased it purchased and so on and so obviously I'm grateful that this was circumvented and we've, we're stopping this. But can you only imagine.

519 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:58:02.130 --> 00:58:07.530

Those hands landed in the wrong hands was guns in the wrong hands and they've been traced back to, you.

520 "Franky Carrillo" (1243169280)

00:58:07.530 --> 00:58:16.110

The county, the people, it's like, you know, so I'm grateful that this was this was detected and we no longer have to worry about that.

655 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:15:40.345 --> 01:15:47.875

Yes, it does um, sorry last question, and I promise they'll be done after last set of questions, and the process will be done.

656 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:15:48.264 --> 01:15:58.285

Um, this is related to the, um, option Gov, deals dot com and the sale of arms. I understand.

657 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:15:58.590 --> 01:16:03.570

Uh, chief that you said, you know, this process was started something like 2 years ago. Um.

658 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:16:03.570 --> 01:16:07.260

And that somehow you weren't aware of it.

659 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:16:07.260 --> 01:16:15.060

And that it only came to your attention, because essentially the only times had reached out to supervisors at least. And then, you know, um.

660 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:16:15.060 --> 01:16:20.040

Muslim was able to contact you, which seems.

661 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:16:21.930 --> 01:16:30.810

I don't know it, it's really concerning to me, but, you know, there isn't a more structured way to be aware of these things. And so I'm.

662 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:16:30.810 --> 01:16:45.690

I'm not sure, like, what efforts or if you could share what efforts you've made to find out kind of who is responsible for this, because, you know, you are in charge of the department and presumably someone within your department move this process forward. Um.

663 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:16:45.955 --> 01:16:56.935

And if there's kind of a better way to ensure that you have access to this information, without it kind of coming from someone from the only times who then tell the justice who tells the board office, who tells you,

664 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:16:57.625 --> 01:17:04.945

which feels wildly inefficient and a recipe for disaster and that many things might be missed. So.

665 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:17:05.250 --> 01:17:12.030

You know, how do you go about insuring that you have access to information like this and also who's responsible for moving these things forward.

666 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:17:12.030 --> 01:17:16.290

Just so something like this doesn't happen again, you know, while I understand it goes to.

667 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:17:16.290 --> 01:17:20.520

Someone with that federal license that you mentioned, and.

668 "Adolfo Gonzales" (3454584576)

01:17:20.520 --> 01:17:25.830

Yeah, yeah, no, it's really going to the streets, but, you know.

669 "Steven Edwards" (409851392)

01:17:25.830 --> 01:17:40.795

If you can just hold off for just a minute, this is a city veterans with county council. Um, I appreciate the lively discussion. Um, I just want to remind all that the, um, gun sale and the recent board motion were not agendas for this meeting.

670 "Steven Edwards" (409851392)

01:17:40.795 --> 01:17:55.225

So we want to be careful to be consistent with the brand requirements. Um, my understanding is that the, the most appropriate way to, to, to be in compliance with the brand on this issue is maybe to have an agenda for future meetings.

671 "Steven Edwards" (409851392)

01:17:55.800 --> 01:17:58.800

I could just suggest that we don't allow the discussion.

672 "Steven Edwards" (409851392)

01:17:58.800 --> 01:18:02.220

Go too far in that direction, so we can make sure we're, uh.

673 "Steven Edwards" (409851392)

01:18:02.220 --> 01:18:07.200

Keeping consistent with the brand, but I can apologize for the interruption.

674 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:18:07.200 --> 01:18:14.400

No worries it just there wasn't an interruption earlier so I thought it was maybe okay to ask those questions, but I can certainly, um.

675 "Milinda Kakani" (264569600)

01:18:14.400 --> 01:18:23.010

Hold on continuing to assess that line of questioning until we're, um, until it's properly agenda and we'll pass it to whoever's next.

676 "Steven Edwards" (409851392)

01:18:23.010 --> 01:18:26.760

Thank you so much good pleasure.

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*Remarks on Gun Auctions from Chief Probation Officer Adolfo Gonzales  
Extracted directly from WebEx's Transcript*

231 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Good afternoon commissioners um, welcome to our new share woman with Jackson. Um.

232 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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1st meeting, um, I'm excited because we have new sheriff in town, and the board office has put us in contact with the sales department and they were more than eager to help us.

233 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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This time around, and in fact, we just met with him yesterday, along with the internal service bureau, and the shared department will be providing the process by which the weapons will be destroyed.

234 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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And production Department's working already to identify the serial numbers and get those into the system. So the web X could then be taken out of the.

235 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Automated system as destroyed the meeting yesterday, allow us to meet with internal services division. There will be, um.

236 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Working with the vendor, they explained the process, they're going to go through, make sure we comply with contracts and grass procedures for the county as, you know, the county procurement usually takes a long time. We're pushing this. Uh, very, um.

237 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Quick process, because Charles has some contact that they put us in touch with that are locally here in, in Anaheim.

238 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Um, I think it will be assisting, I think, updated all the documentation, all the forms that are required for the destruction of the firearms.

239 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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And once the paperwork is complete, and all those breaker ships have been entered into the system we will be coordinated with a vendor for a date and time for the weapons to be destroyed.

240 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Once the instructions completed, we'll verify with the sheriff's department, make sure all those. Um.

241 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Data entries into the automated spam system so that those records are showing as destroyed weapons.

242 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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And as far as the timeline, we're hoping that we can get this done, get the data by the end of the week, maybe early next week, and then get the ISD in the procurement with the vendor. Um.

243 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Uh, so we can destroy these weapons within 2 or 3 weeks.

244 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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So hope that can come back next month and report that the weapons already destroyed. It's a little different process. And we'll, we'll explain that at the next meeting. Once we go through there.

245 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Vendor and see how they actually do the weapon destruction, but again, I want I want to say, thanks to the board for putting it in touch with. Then you share up and his staff more than eager to help us. Um, so I'm excited about that opportunity.

246 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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And I welcome any questions at this point, that concludes the presentation right Wendy, we can move on the public comment. Yes.

251 "Esche Jackson" (1029889024)

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But other than that, I don't see any hands raised chair Jackson, right? If any are raised in the course of commissioner comments, we can revisit those, um, this was a hot topic last meeting. So, I would imagine a couple commissioners have things to say, starting with commissioner analysis.

252 "dolores" (4158601472)

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Thank you commissioner Jackson um, yes, I just want to really point out to supervisor, Hilda solice's office.

253 "dolores" (4158601472)

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Thank them for catching this and, uh, chief consultant report from the last meeting that once you were notified, because you were not aware that you immediately put a stop to it.

254 "dolores" (4158601472)

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And I'm wondering if there's a timeline for the forms process and the destruction of the firearms. And if so, what is that timeline? And I would imagine that.

255 "dolores" (4158601472)

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Once it does take process, you'll be giving updates to to our director to Wendy.

256 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Yes, the, the timeline, like you said, we've finished hopefully into the, into the automated fire system. Our numbers are serial numbers for each of the weapons, and we have 234 weapons. So obviously that will take some time. So we're hoping in the next. Um. in the next um

257 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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We go to the vendor would be, um, confirmed because the contractors had to be done through the, um, internal services division not through the sheriff's department. They just put us in touch with the they're the ones that do in the contract with a vendor once that's finalized.

258 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Then, to tell me that, um, approximately, uh, 2 or 3 weeks, uh, they'll be able to accommodate us.

259 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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So, I'm hoping before the end of the month, we'll have more news to report back and we'll, we'll contact, um, Wendy, and make sure we get the information to y'all.

260 "dolores" (4158601472)

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Thank you any other commissioners will comments.

261 "Milinda Kakani" (2340243200)

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Of course, commissioner county by cercone you shoot Jackson just a quick question chief.

262 "Milinda Kakani" (2340243200)

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So, I think it's fair to say that there was like, a huge gap in, like, information being relayed to you right? That you didn't learn of this until a supervisorial district, brought it to your attention. Is that right?

263 "Milinda Kakani" (2340243200)

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Correct so I I guess.

264 "Milinda Kakani" (2340243200)

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The bigger question to me seems like, how do you plan to ensure.

265 "Milinda Kakani" (2340243200)

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That things like this don't, um.

266 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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I don't know get lost in the shuffle again. That's a great question. Because what happens is when the previous administration was here, the staff from the bureau started working on the direction that were given.

267 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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So, they were going forward with that thinking that's the way they, they.

268 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Kind of like that, that was their directive to get it done so they were working to get it done and it took so long with our, of course, our procurement process. I think what we plan to do going forward.

269 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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As meeting with a lot of different directors, make sure that anything that has to do with this controversy like this, that we're all on the same page.

270 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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In other words that we're all, um, addressing the concerns, and we have what we call morning huddles every day now.

271 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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We meet with the deputy director bureau chiefs give me, uh, chief.

272 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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To make sure that we're all on the same page regarding anything that we're doing and we've been invited county council to be on those meetings so that we can have a, um, the confidentiality. But also to get some guidance going forward.

273 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Um, so that's how, I hope to be able to prevent it from happening again and the board motion from the board as, you know, we'll address that and working with, um, ceo's office and with, um, to respond back to the board motion will address some of that too.

274 "Milinda Kakani" (2340243200)

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So, these morning huddles were not happening before or just not happening with this level of regularity.

275 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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I'm sorry, I missed the 1st part of the question this morning huddles that you're referencing. Were they not happening before? Right? Yeah the morning the protocols were not happening before.

276 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Okay at all I don't I don't know what they were doing before. Uh, I just started that um, shortly after it came in.

277 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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I'm sorry, when I started in the morning huddles, when I came in, like, about a year after I came in.

278 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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I need to communicate more with the deputy directors so we started having the morning Huddles.

279 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Regularly every day, but no, 1 brought unless something happens if we can't have a meeting where we schedule it, but we communicate every day.

280 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Okay, but no, 1 communicated this to you prior. Oh. Uh, from the fire, uh, cause they had already received their, their instructions from the previous administration. So the bureau was going forward and they didn't really bring it up to us until the end.

281 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Thank you.

282 "Esche Jackson" (1029889024)

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Thank you Mr. um, chief consultant, I had a question I was wondering and destroying the guns. What kind of record keeping priorities do does the department have? Are you guys going to be tracking? All of the, the devices that are going to be destroyed?

283 "Esche Jackson" (1029889024)

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Is there going to be any record of that?

284 "Adolfo Gonzales" (2762242304)

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Correct with the assistance of the sheriff's department, we provide all the information to the sheriff's department and they'll be tracking the weapons that are that are destroyed and There'll be labeled as destroyed. So there's a record of all those serial numbers.

285 "Esche Jackson" (1029889024)

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Okay, okay. Thank you for that. Any other commissioners have final thoughts on this agenda item before we move on.